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1. QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE WILL COME BEFORE HRC VIA TWO CHANNELS: (A) A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT AUGUST 1974 SUBCOMMISSION SESSION RECOMMENDING HRC STUDY REPORTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, AND (B) SUBCOMMISSION DETERMINATION UNDER ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503 PROCEDURE THAT PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS ON CHILE APPEAR TO REVEAL "A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS AND RELIABLY ATTESTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION." WE THINK THAT SEPARATE HRC ACTION UNDER EACH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITEM WOULD BE REDUNDANT, SINCE UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES STUDY

OF SITUATION BY HRC WOULD BE NEXT STEP. WE EXPECT HRC WILL CONCENTRATE ON STUDY PROPOSAL AS RECOMMENDED IN SUB-COMMISSION RESOLUTION AND IF IT DOES, WE BELIEVE 1503 ACTION NOT JUSTIFIED

- 2. SUBCOMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR STUDY WAS ENDORSED AT LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 3219. IN US STATEMENT EXPLAINING ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION, US REP NOTED THAT US COULD HAVE SUPPORTED A RESOLUTION LIMITED TO ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDED STUDY WITHOUT PREJUDGMENT OF ISSUES.
- 3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UK OR OTHER MEMBERS HRC, USDEL SHOULD NOTE THAT IN PRINCIPLE USG IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT STUDY OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE BY HRC. IN VIEW OF RECENTLY ISSUED STUDY BY INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WE THINK THAT HRC STUDY COULD ADD LITTLE TO IACHR REPORT. OUR PREFERRED POSITION, THEREFORE, WOULD BE TO PROPOSE THAT HRC REVIEW THE REPORT OF THE IACHR, ESPECIALLY ITS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. HRC COULD ENDORSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND URGE COMPLIANCE BY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. HRC RESOLUTION MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE PROVISION URGING IA COMMISSION TO UPDATE ITS REPORT THROUGH ANOTHER VISIT TO CHILE IN 1975.
- 4. IF, HOWEVER, MAJORITY SENTIMENT FAVORS STUDY OF SITUATION IN CHILE BY UN HRC, WE ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT. OUR CHIEF CONCERN WILL BE THAT HRC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STUDY BE FREE OF PREJUDGING LANGUAGE AS APPEARED IN GA RES 3219 WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF STATING CONCLUSIONS BEFORE STUDY MADE.
- 5. ABOVE APPROACH SEEMS TO FIT CLOSELY WITH IDEAS EXPRESSED BY UK REP REPORTED REF (A). IN EVENT MAJORITY DOES NOT GO ALONG WITH SUGGESTION THAT HRC LIMIT ACTION TO GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF IACHR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WE PREPARED TO JOIN IN ENCOURAGING FORMATION OF MODERATE COALITION IN HRC FOR RES PROVIDING FOR STUDY OR REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO COMMIT OURSELVES IN ADVANCE ON COSPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION. OUR FINAL POSITION ON VOTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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